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LOK SABHA

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CONTROL OF E- POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed norms to control E-pollution caused through electromagnetic radiation emanating from the electronic gadgets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these norms are being adhered to strictly; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps being taken in regard thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 107 to be answered on Monday, the 31st July, 2006 on Control of E-pollution asked by Shrimati Sumitra Mahajan

(a)to(d) The electromagnetic radiations emanate from natural and man made sources including electronic gadgets, mobile phone towers, antennas. The Government so far has not notified any norm in respect of electromagnetic radiation for mobile phone towers etc.

A Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi for preliminary study on `Health hazards due to Mobile phone Towers`. After discussions and deliberations, this Committee has opined that overall there is not enough evidence to show direct hazards of Radio Frequency (RF) exposures from mobile based stations. The Committee, however, has recommended, amongst others, that a precautionary approach should be adopted till further research data is available.

An internal Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology to study and develop expertise in the area of electromagnetic radiations from Telecom infrastructure and to prepare precautionary guidelines in this regard.